



## OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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Dear Homeland Security Partner:

I would like to invite you to attend the 2008 Science & Technology Stakeholders Conference West in Los Angeles, California. The conference is being hosted by the State of California Governor's Office of Homeland Security (OHS) with key participation by the US Department of Homeland Security Science & Technology Directorate (DHS S&T) and presented by the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA). The conference will take place on January 14-17, 2008 at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

The theme of the conference is "Putting First Responders First." Speakers and presenters will focus on science and technology research that supports the efforts of state and local governments and first responders in homeland security. The conference is anticipated to include 1,500-2,000 attendees from local, state, federal and international governments, first responders, academia, and the private sector. Speakers invited include Undersecretary Jay Cohen, key leadership of the DHS Science & Technology Directorate, state and local government representatives, representatives from California's first responder community and homeland security experts from Israel, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Singapore, the European Union and Sweden.

In addition, the conference will provide technical training specifically for First Responders and other authorized emergency response personnel during the Pre-Conference Training Session on Monday, January 14, and again post-conference on Thursday, January 17.

To register or find out more information please visit the NDIA conference website at <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/8690>. I hope you are able to join us at this important event and ask that you share this invitation with your members.

Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Matthew Bettenhausen  
Director, Office of Homeland Security